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doing private nursing in our midst, and also to afford physicians and the public better facilities for securing the services of nurses.

"The district record books of the three nurses for the past year show the following statistics:

"FOR ONE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1903.

	VISITS
"Visits for actual care of patients, and also for supervision or advice	3405
	CASES
Medicine and proper diet supplied to.....	188
Clothing (personal and bed-linen) given or loaned, also sick-room utensils supplied to.....	146
Milk tickets issued to.....	57
Ice tickets issued to.....	35
Referred to City Mission.....	14
Referred to City Board of Health.....	8
Referred to Superintendent of Public Charities, for fuel, food, transportation to hospital or Almshouse.....	29
Referred to Dr. Maybee (Children's Aid Society).....	9
Referred to Lee Camp Auxiliary.....	2
Referred to King's Daughters.....	3
Referred to country for favorable environment.....	2
Referred to Law and Equity Court.....	2
Sent to hospitals and admission arranged for.....	45
Sent to dispensaries for treatment.....	31
Doctor's services obtained for.....	66
Care-taker or special nurse supplied for.....	23"

DEBT DUE TO THE NURSES

ONE PHYSICIAN WHO APPRECIATED THE SERVICES OF A TRAINED NURSE

"Now, doctor," said the trained nurse to the great physician, "what do I owe you?"

The wear and tear of her calling had begun to tell, and the nurse had taken her turn at playing patient. After a dozen visits she had come to pay her bill.

The specialist looked at her a moment gravely. Then he said, "You know I charge seventeen dollars and fifty cents for a prescription."

The nurse gave a little, involuntary gasp of alarm. "Oh doctor," she exclaimed, "you mean for each prescription? Why, I've been here——"

Then it flashed upon her that the high-priced specialist might be joking.

"Yes," he resumed, with a suspicion of a smile, "you must pay me seventeen dollars and fifty cents for each prescription or nothing."

There was no mistaking his meaning now.

"But, doctor," said the nurse, "that doesn't seem quite fair. Here I've been coming week after week to see you and get your advice—you are so busy, and with so many demands on your leisure that you scarcely have time to eat. Oh, I know, as outsiders do not, how precious every minute is to you."

"But I do eat," returned the redoubtable M.D., "and at rather regular hours. And I do manage to put in a good night's sleep as a rule. Now, how do I manage to do this? Because of the trained nurse. Do you think I've forgotten the old days before she came? Don't I know very well that without her the physician's work would be a dog's work? If I get the rest that I need and can eat without interruption, it's due to her."

"It's good of you to say so, doctor."

"It's only decent that I should bear it in mind. How can I forget the times when, night after night, I would be called from my bed to visit some patient who didn't need me at all—some sick child, perhaps, who was doing finely, if the mother had only known it? That is all changed since the nurse is on watch and shares the responsibility. I'm only too glad to have been of some service to you in return for all you have done for me."—HARRIET FULMER.

[THE following extract from a letter is another plea for a fixed educational basis for nurses, whether in general or private hospitals.—ED.]

"I am a constant reader of *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL*, and desire to congratulate you most heartily upon the article, 'An Ounce of Prevention,' in the December number, it was so absolutely true to the experience that I was having at that very time. I was in charge of a training-school of sixteen nurses near ———, which was just such a place as the article describes. The doctor in charge would not allow them to be taught, consequently I resigned inside of three months. It was a private institution owned by said doctor. The nurses did all the servants' work and their own ironing, with no monthly allowance. I surely think something should be done to prevent the existence of such schools. I found myself perfectly helpless to change the methods."